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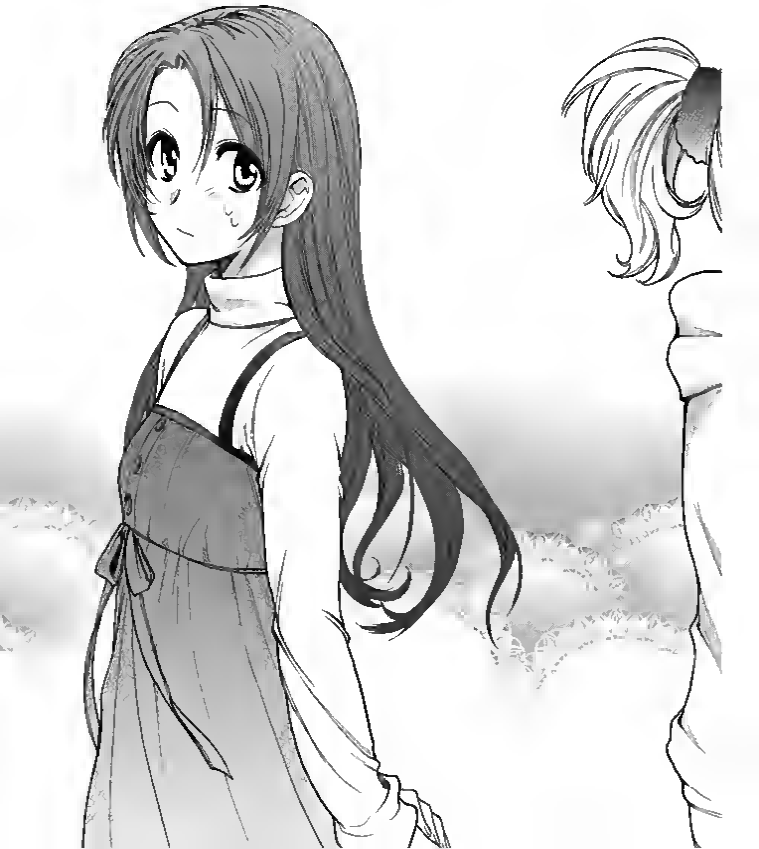
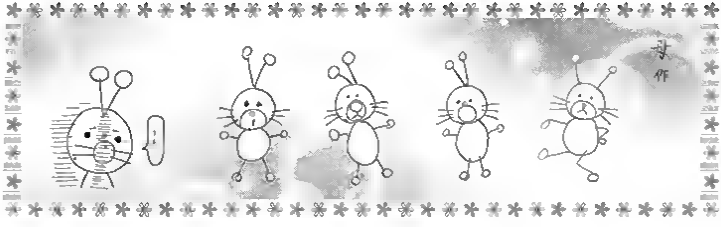


WHAT TO DO..



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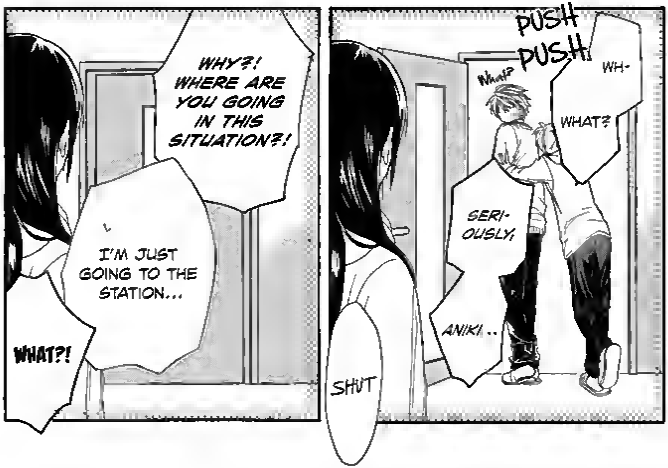
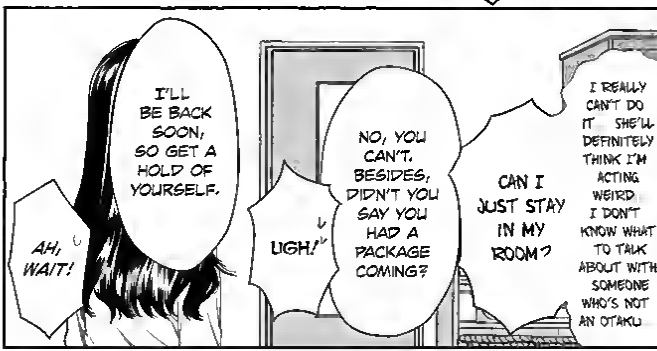
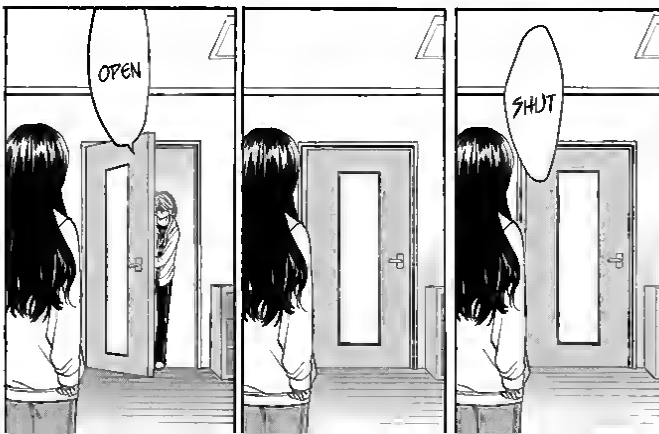
I DON'T THINK I'M WELCOME HERE...
WAIT!!
SHE MUST BE... HIS SISTER, WHO'S ON GOOD(?) TERMS WITH MY BROTHER...
BUT I UNDERSTAND WHY! AFTER ALL, I BARGED INTO HER HOUSE AND BORROWED HER CLOTHES WITHOUT ASKING!
AHHH, BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M LEAVING! I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW!
N-NISHINO-SAN! I'M—
RING
Yukihiro
Come get me.

SORRY, I HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE FOR A BIT...
I CAN'T EVEN ASK HIM TO STAY!
GASP
WHAT'LL I DO?? SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE ME...
DOES THIS MEAN I'M GOING TO BE ALONE WITH HIS SISTER?!
WHAT?! OUT-SIDE?!
sorry for my brother...


WHY?! WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN THIS SITUATION?!
I'M JUST GOING TO THE STATION...
WHAT?!
PUSH PUSH
WHAP
WH-
WHAT?
SERI-OUSLY,
ANIKI..
SHUT

I CAN'T BE ALONE IN A ROOM WITH HER!
I'VE NEVER EVEN MET HER BEFORE! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
JUST MAKE HER SOME TEA...
TEA?! LIKE, ENGLISH TEA?!
BUT I'VE NEVER MADE TEA BEFORE BECAUSE I DON'T DRINK IT!
IS THAT ALL I HAVE TO DO?!


I'LL BE BACK SOON, SO GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF.
AH, WAIT!
UGH!
NO, YOU CAN'T. BESIDES, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAD A PACKAGE COMING?
CAN I JUST STAY IN MY ROOM?
I REALLY CAN'T DO IT... SHE'LL DEFINITELY THINK I'M ACTING WEIRD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TALK ABOUT WITH SOMEONE WHO'S NOT AN OTAKU.


OPEN
SHUT

CLATTER
OH, THANK YOU.
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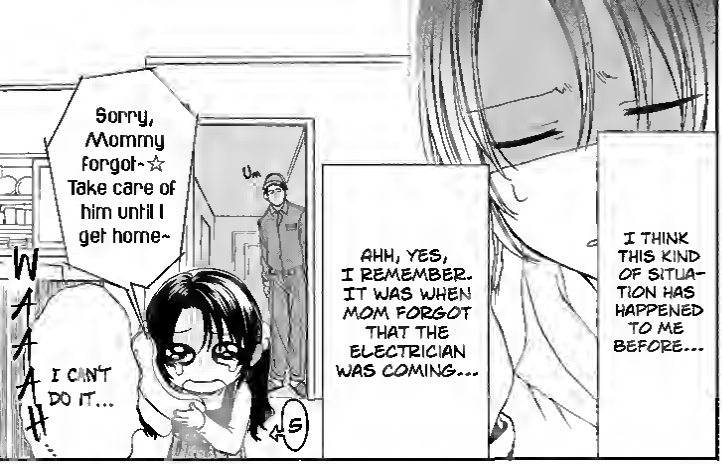
PLEASE TAKE SEAT.
BOW
BOW...
CLATTER
IT'S SO AWK-WARD!!!


I THINK THIS KIND OF SITUATION HAS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE...
AHH, YES, I REMEMBER. IT WAS WHEN MOM FORGOT THAT THE ELECTRICIAN WAS COMING...
Um
Sorry, Mommy forgot~☆ Take care of him until I get home~
WAAAH...
I CAN'T DO IT...
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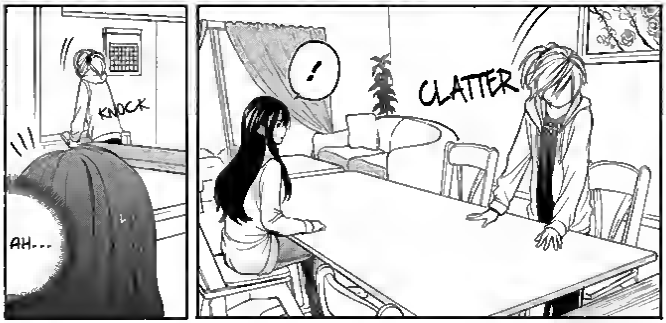
KNOCK
AH...
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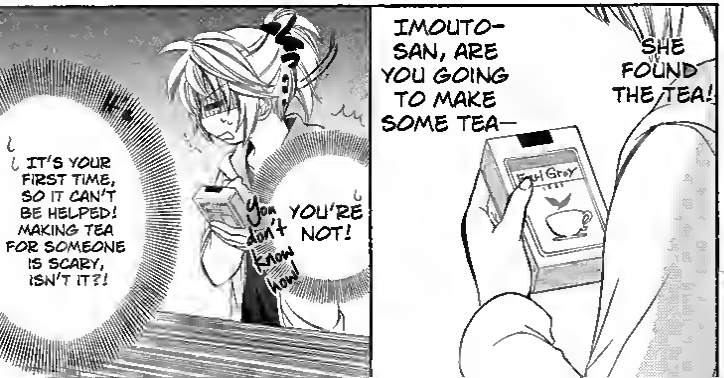
CLATTER

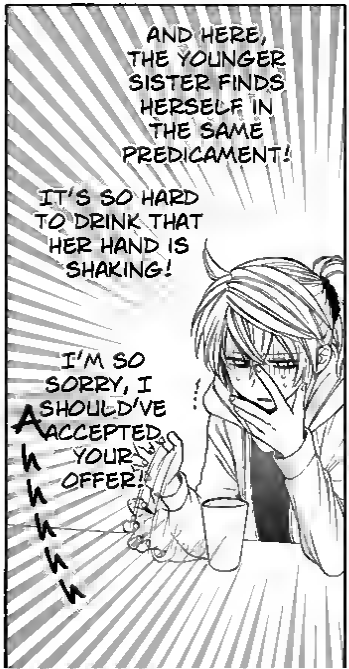

IMOUTO-SAN, ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE SOME TEA—
SHE FOUND THE TEA!
Earl Grey
YOU'RE NOT!
You don't know how!
IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED! MAKING TEA FOR SOMEONE IS SCARY, ISN'T IT?!

I ALSO
REMEMBER THAT FEELING...
UU...
THE COLOUR LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT COMPARED TO WHEN MOM MAKES IT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I CAN'T FIND ANY SNACKS AT HOME!
I can't read kanji
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY! YOU ONLY HAVE MILK!
MILK
SWING
THE FRIDGE?
RIGHT! THERE SHOULD BE JUICE IN THE FRIDGE!
GASP!
SHE'S POURING TEA FROM THE KETTLE!
BOUR
UGH...
SHE GAVE UP HALF-WAY!
I TOTALLY FEEL YOU! GREEN TEA ASIDE, OF COURSE YOU'D HESITATE TO SERVE A CUP OF BARLEY TEA FROM THE KETTLE!

I'VE BEEN THERE...
AND DONE THAT BEFORE.
「HUH?!」
Jolt
Failed at making red tea
「HUH...?」
UM...
YOU WANT... TEA?
HUH?!
NO,
I'M FINE! PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
.....
tuk
AHH...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO POUR MY FAILED ATTEMPT AT RED TEA DOWN THE SINK, SO I SAT DOWN TO DRINK IT...

WHEN THE WORKER KINDLY DECLINED MY OFFER SAYING, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME," I BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF.
Phew...


AND HERE, THE YOUNGER SISTER FINDS HERSELF IN THE SAME PREDICAMENT!
IT'S SO HARD TO DRINK THAT HER HAND IS SHAKING!
I'M SO SORRY, I SHOULD'VE ACCEPTED YOUR OFFER!!
Ahhhhh

BUT I REALIZED TOO LATE THAT THE GUEST WOULD BE SITTING OPPOSITE ME. THE FACT THAT I HAD TEA FOR MYSELF MADE THIS SITUATION SO DESPAIRINGLY AWKWARD, I WANTED TO DIE.

HURRY... PLEASE HURRY BACK, NISHINO-SAN!
I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE. I WANT TO REDO MY WHOLE LIFE STARTING FROM STAGE ONE...
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND FEMININITY WERE AT SUCH A SHITTY LEVEL...
ANY-WAY, WHO IS SHE?!
IS SHE'S ANIKI'S GIRLFRIEND?!
GIVE ME A BREAK; YOUR LIGHT IS BLINDING...
HER LEVEL'S SO HIGH!
SHE'S DEFINITELY THE TYPE TO FILL THE HOUSE WITH AROMATIC HERBS!
Narrow-minded

I'LL SEE IF WE HAVE ANY SNACKS IN THE CUP-BOARD...
CLATTER...
I BET SHE'S THINKING, "THIS GIRL CAN'T EVEN PREPARE TEA FOR A GUEST."
IT'S THE TRUTH THOUGH... I WANNA DIE...
RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANT TO BURY MY FACE INTO MY GIANT-CENTAURUS RHINOCEROUS BEETLE PILLOW...
IF I KNEW SHE WAS COMING, I WOULD'VE STAYED IN MY ROOM TO CATCH BEETLES...
GET-CHU!
My haven is in G-etchu♡ Beetles
PIRO RIN!
HMM?
CRAP, I FORGOT TO PUT MY PHONE ON SILENT...
PIRO RIN!
PIRO RIN!
PIRO RIN!
PIRO RIN! ♪

!?
Wha—
IT'S
A GIANT STAG BEETLE!!?
わあああ
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FOUND IN JAPAN, FOR SOME REASON, THIS GAME HAS MADE THEIR APPEARANCE RATE EXTREMELY LOW. IT'S A RARE OF RARES!
Holy crap!
?
?
DESPITE SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW, NO-ONE COULD FIND IT, SO IT WAS SAID TO BE A PHANTOM BEETLE!

PRAISE THE LORD!
TAP THE BEETLE IN TEN SECONDS TO OBTAIN IT!☆
カシッ
AH...
AH—
AH...
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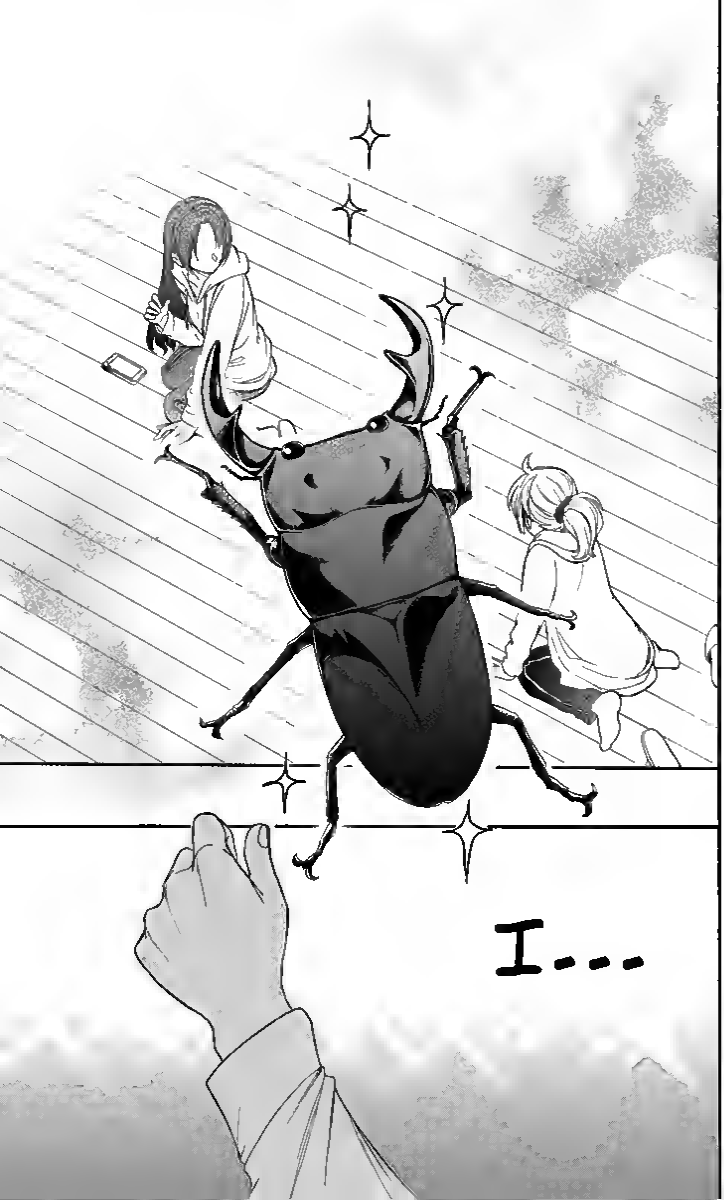
AH
!!?
AHHHHH

A-ARE YOU OKAY—
THE BEE-TLE!
TAP THE SCREEN!!

GET-
CHU!


I...

FUCKING BLEW IT!
HOW COULD I DO SUCH A THING TO A NORMAL CITIZEN?!
HER FINDING OUT THAT I'M AN OTAKU ISN'T THE PROBLEM ANYMORE!
MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND IS GONNA THINK I'M A WEIRDO FOR COLLECTING BEETLES AND AVOID ME!
HEY...
YOU LIKE... BEETLES?

WHAT?
SO IT'S JUST THE TWO OF THEM AT YOUR HOUSE NOW?
YEAH.
HMM—
MAI AND AKI TOGETHER, HUH...
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ON THAT NOTE, WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH AKI?!
USING HER FIRST NAME?!

DIDN'T SHE SAY...
GASP!
WHEN YOU'VE GOT PLANS TO HAVE HIM OVER, MAKE SURE YOU LET ME KNOW BEFORE-HAND!
DID SHE MEAN...
I WANT TO HAVE SOME TIME TO TIDY MYSELF UP...
THIS?!
AH, I FORGOT TO TELL HER...
BY THE WAY, DO YOU THINK
THEY CAN HOLD A PROPER CONVER-SATION?
EH... MAYBE NOT...?
DON'T LOOK AT ME.
YOUR SISTER IS CLUMSIER THAN YOU THINK.
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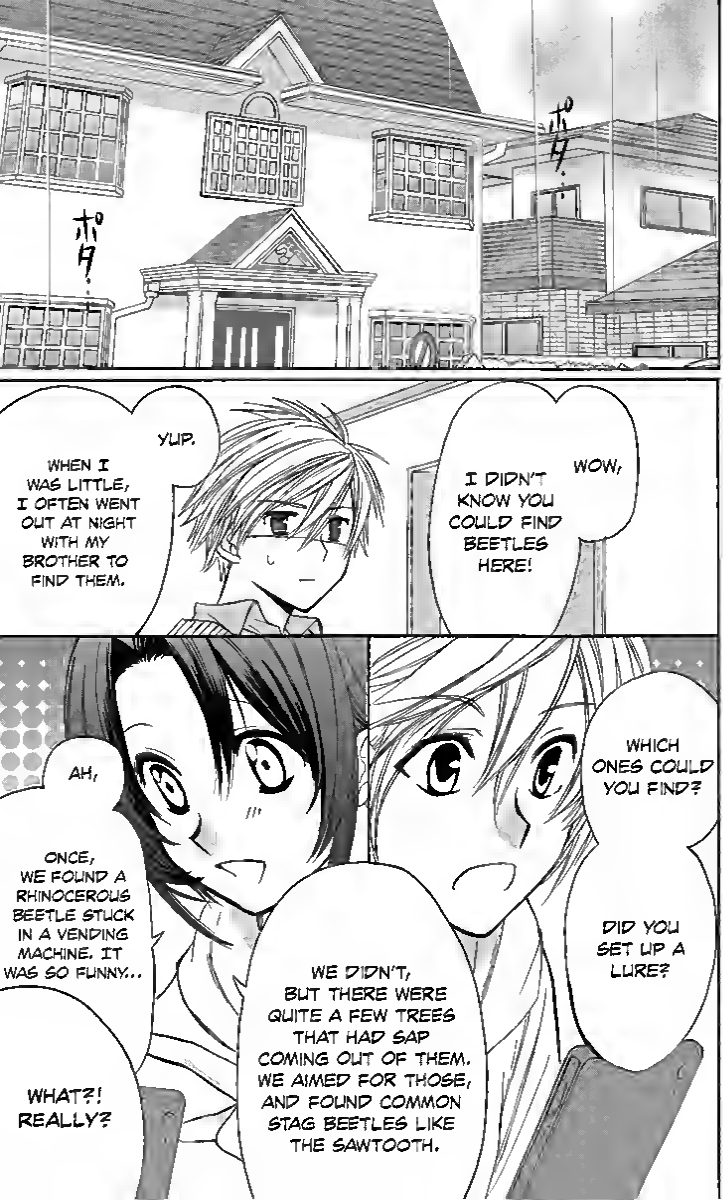
LET'S
PICK UP THE PACE AND HURRY HOME...
GO AHEAD
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY TIME.
YUKI-HIRO!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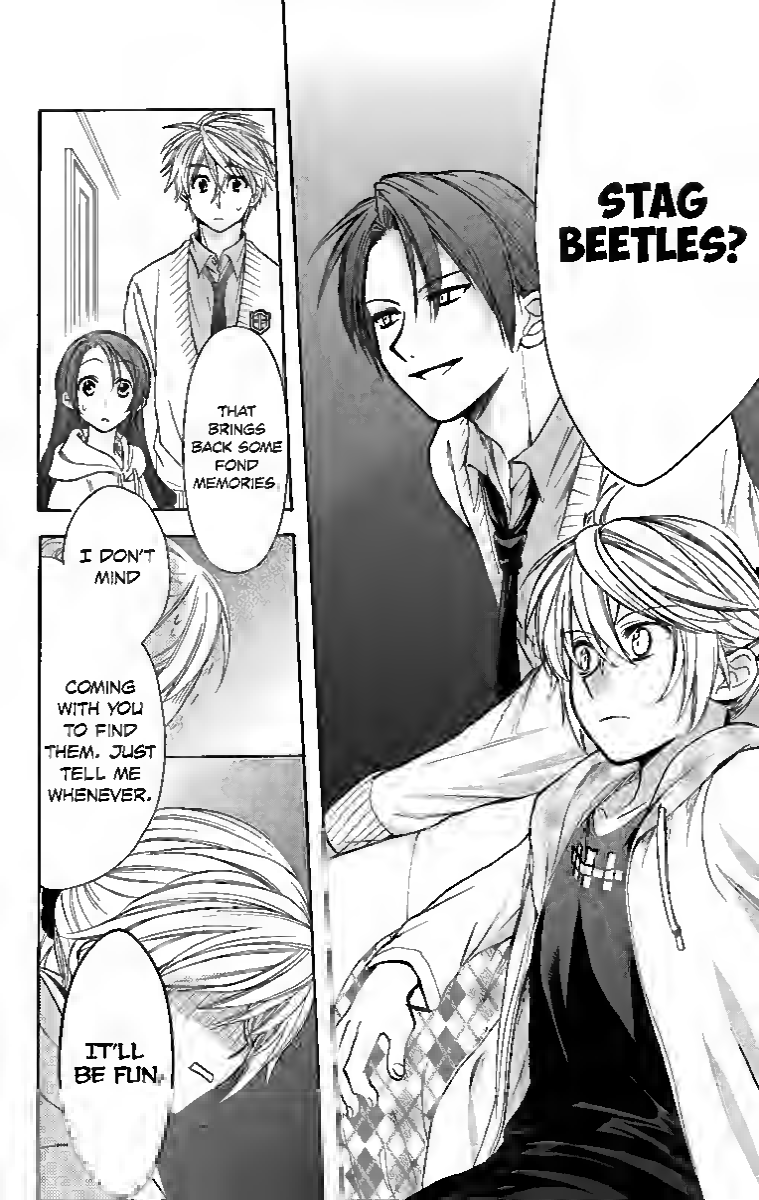
WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD FIND BEETLES HERE!
YUP. WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I OFTEN WENT OUT AT NIGHT WITH MY BROTHER TO FIND THEM.
WHICH ONES COULD YOU FIND?
AH, ONCE, WE FOUND A RHINOCEROUS BEETLE STUCK IN A VENDING MACHINE. IT WAS SO FUNNY...
DID YOU SET UP A LURE?
WE DIDN'T, BUT THERE WERE QUITE A FEW TREES THAT HAD SAP COMING OUT OF THEM. WE AIMED FOR THOSE, AND FOUND COMMON STAG BEETLES LIKE THE SAWTOOTH.
WHAT?! REALLY?

TWO GIRLS ARE EXCITEDLY TALKING ABOUT BEETLES IN THE LIVING ROOM...
Same! I've never tried raising a beetle before, though.
When I was little, I thought the beetle jelly meant for our rhino beetle looked like a nice
IT MUST'VE BEEN NICE TO HAVE A BROTHER TO CATCH BUGS WITH. MINE WASN'T INTERESTED IN THIS STUFF AT ALL.
REALLY? WE WENT OUT LOOKING FOR NEWTS AND CICADAS, TOO.
NANASE-SAN IS SURPRI-SINGLY ACTIVE!
ANYWAY, MY BROTHER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND A WOMAN'S HEART,
SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN HIM.
WHAT'S HE LIKE AS A BOY-FRIEND? THINK YOU'LL DUMP HIM ANYTIME SOON?
WHAT—
That little

OF COURSE NOT!
NISHINO-SAN IS KIND AND CARING...
TODAY, HE EVEN CAME TO PICK ME UP WHEN IT WAS RAINING.
RATHER, I WORRY THAT HE'LL GET TIRED OF ME...
I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE A SIMPLE CALL BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER HIM...
I'M REALLY HOPE-LESS, AREN'T I...?
I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE TIMING RIGHT...

DID YOU HEAR THAT, ANIKI?
ドクン!!
!!?
WH—
WHAT?!
I WON'T GET TIRED OF YOU.
AND,
YOU CAN CALL ME AT ANY TIME. REALLY.

I'LL...
I'LL DO MY BEST...
YOU WILL, HUH...?
COULDN'T YOU COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER TO SAY?
I WOULD LET THAT SNARKY COMMENT PASS IF YOU WERE ABLE TO POUR A DECENT CUP OF TEA FOR OUR GUEST.
WHAT? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESERTED ME HERE!
I-IF I KNEW HOW TO DO IT, I WOULD'VE DONE IT PROPERLY!
I had to wing it!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I TOLD YOU TO LEARN IT YEARS AGO!
What's with that pathetic cup of barley tea?
UGH!
ARGH, ANIKI, YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN.
MAI-CHAN'S BROTHER WAS NICE ENOUGH TO GO CATCHING BEETLES WITH HER, YOU KNOW?
BROTHERS CAN BE SO DIFFERENT...
HUH?
NANASE-SAN'S BROTHER IS—


STAG BEETLES?
THAT BRINGS BACK SOME FOND MEMORIES
I DON'T MIND
COMING WITH YOU TO FIND THEM. JUST TELL ME WHENEVER.
IT'LL BE FUN.

RIGHT, AKI?
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!!?

I FOUND YOUR BELOVED KEYCHAIN IN THE ART ROOM, YOU SEE.
I WAS GOING TO RETURN IT TO YOU AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY,
BUT YOUR PITIFUL, FRANTIC FACE CAME TO MIND.
TO SAVE YOU FROM PANICKING, I DECIDED BRING IT OVER TODAY.
ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY, I WELCOME YOU TO OUR HUMBLE HOME. I SINCERELY THANK THE EFFORTS OF YOUR LORDSHIP FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY TO—
HMM?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT.

TRAINING
Oh ho!
ATTA-GIRL.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING MY KEY-CHAIN!
YOU'RE SPEAKING YOUR MIND.
GYAAA!
I TOLD YOU TO TELL ME IF SENPAI WAS COMING OVER!!!
I WAS GOING TO HOLE UP IN MY ROOM UNTIL HE LEFT!
DAMN YOU ANRI!!!!
I THINK I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...
AH...
Awawawa! No, I wasn't! This is, uhhh!!!

whine
smirk...
IS THE VERY ONE I SEE WHEN HE'S WATCHING DERPY DOG VIDEOS...
THIS EXPRE-SSION HE'S MAKING
Onii's de-stress time.
Come on pooch, let's go
Arf!
FEELING A SENSE OF DEJA VU.